

October 31, 1952

MEMORANDUM

TO : O/RR - Robert Amory, Jr.

FROM : OIR - Philip Trezise *HT*

SUBJECT: CIA Report, The Rubber Position of the Soviet Bloc, October 1952

1. The subject report, which will be referred to as CIA DRAFT-4, was received on October 29, 1952. As had been understood, this report is the final version of CIA DRAFT-3 and differs from the latter draft chiefly in having a new Appendix A and in excluding estimates of 1953 imports of natural rubber.

2. The title page of CIA DRAFT-4 correctly states that OIR has withheld its concurrence. Our reasons are the same as those given in the memorandum dated October 23, 1952, except as follows:

a. The criticism presented in paragraph 4,b,11 (regarding estimates of 1953 imports) does not apply to CIA DRAFT-4.

b. While the objectionable Appendix A of CIA DRAFT-3 has been eliminated, we find that the editorial review of that draft did not modify the unnecessarily contentious language which is sometimes used in the text and more frequently in Appendices B and E. We had hoped that, with the elimination of the former Appendix A, CIA DRAFT-4 would reflect a more moderate judgment regarding the role of rubber technicians in economic analysis and would address itself to the substantive points at issue in an objective manner. The failure to do so provides, in our opinion, additional grounds for not concurring in the present draft.

25X1X7 3. In view of the fact that O/RR representatives have already gone to [redacted] with CIA DRAFT-4, OIR does not regard itself as committed in any way on that draft or on any report which CIA and [redacted] jointly agree to. We expect to review such a joint draft when it is available and we sincerely hope that the document will be sufficiently sound to warrant our unqualified concurrence. However, we reserve the right to call for the evidence which is claimed to support key estimates and conclusions, to criticize the analysis, and, if necessary, to advise Departmental officials as to our appraisal of the report prepared by CIA [redacted] 25X1X7

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